

HORATIO HORNBLOWER LOG

The following is a log of Horatio Hornblower programs with Michael Redgrave in the starring role. These programs followed with one exception noted below the novels of C. S. Forester. In many programs the dialogue and description are taken word for word from the books. The chronology of the books in order of Hornblower's life is as follows:

1. Mr. Midshipman Hornblower 6/1794 - 3/1798
2. Lieutenant Hornblower 5/1800 - 3/1803
3. Hornblower and the Hotspur 4/1803 - 7/1805
4. Hornblower and the Atropos 10/1805 - 1/1808
5. Beat to Quarters 6/1808 - 10/1808
6. Ship of the Line 5/1810 - 10/1810
7. Flying Colours 11/1810 - 6/1811
8. Commodore Hornblower 5/1812 - 10/1812
9. Lord Hornblower 10/1813 - 5/1814
10. Admiral Hornblower in the West Indies 5/1821 - 10/1823

Horatio Hornblower was broadcast in America during 1953-4 on ABC. It was a sustaining broadcast. It has been re-broadcast many times since then especially by college owned FM radio stations.

The original order of broadcast of these programs was not in the chronological order you find listed below. In fact, many programs were broadcast more than once (mostly as flashbacks). I have versions of the original and the flashback broadcast in my collection.

Volume I Mr. Midshipman Hornblower (Bantan, 1963, 215 pgs.)

1. Duel with Simpson (We had halted the French advance at Riga but both armies...) Chapter 1 p. 1-26 Flashback from Commodore Hornblower Eps. 9
2. Capture of the Marie Galante (I had been invalidated home before Christmas...) Chapter 2 p. 27-48 Flashback from Commodore Hornblower Eps. 10
3. Aboard the privateer the Pique Chapter 3 p. 49-64
4. Chase of Papillion into the Gironde (I've always hated heights...) Chapter 4 p. 65-80
5. Indefatigable fights French ship Chapter 5 p. 80-96
6. Helping amphibious invasion of France by French loyalist and British Chapter 6 p. 96-124
7. Asked to leave coast of Spain in 6 hours because Spain had become neutral Chapter 7 p. 125-144
8. Taking examination for Lt. Chapter 8 p. 144-159
9. In Gulf of Oran, going ashore for grain and cattle. Chapter 9 p. 159-176

10. First command LeReve, meets Duchess (When I look back over my life, I can recall many times when despair filled my heart...) Chapter 10 p. 176-194
11. Saving Spanish sailors from Devils Teeth Chapter 11 p. 195-215

Volume II Lieutenant Hornblower (Pinnacle, 1974, 306 pgs.)

1. First meeting with Bush (There is something about the bustle of preparation for a new voyage) Chapter 1-2 p. 1-25
2. Captain Sawyer terrorizes his officers Chapter 3-4 p. 26-55
3. Hornblower convinces Buckland to open sealed orders Chapter 5-6 p. 57-83
4. Renown's failed attack at fort at Samona Bay (A man looks backwards sometimes and tells himself that it was at such and such a time) Chapter 7-8 p. 85-112
5. Land attack on fort succeeds (I truly believe of all human emotions the one which depresses a man the most is the feeling...) Chapter 8-9 p. 112-139
6. Capture three Spanish ships in Bay (Now that I am much older than I was then, I look back...) Chapter 10-11 p. 141-173
7. Spanish prisoners try to take over Renown (A feeling of success was strange and new in that voyage...) Chapter 12-14 p. 175-212
8. Buckland's court of inquiry (Those were rather hectic days...) Chapter 15-17 p. 213-246

9. Court Martial of Barry McCool (The nightmare vision of traitor Jonathan Sweet) Not part of published Hornblower saga, but program takes place on Renown and Hornblower is Lt. Flashback from Lord Hornblower after Eps. 3

Volume III Hornblower and the Hotspur

No episodes with Redgrave.

Volume IV Hornblower and the Atropos

No episodes with Redgrave.

Volume V Beat to Quarters (Bantam, 1964, 184 pgs.)

1. Hornblower sails into Bay of Fonsica where he is to form alliance with Don Julian Edwardo Chapter 1-5 p. 1-32
2. Search for the Natwidad Chapter 5-6 p. 33-48

3. Turns over Natvidad to El Supremo (It's easy enough to look back...) Chapter 7-9 p. 48-75
4. Meets Lady Barbara (I had faced many difficult problems in my seafaring career...) Chapter 10-15 p. 76-109
5. Second battle with Natvidad (Many years have passed since...) Chapter 16-17 p. 104-138
6. Lady Barbara administers to wounded (In all my years, before that time...) Chapter 18-21 p. 138-163
7. Taking the Lydia around the Cape of Good Hope Chapter 21-24 p. 164-184

Volume VI Ship of the Line (Bantam, 1964, 188 pgs.)

1. Taking over command of the Sutherland Chapter 1-6 p. 1-42
2. Convoy duty and impressing seamen (Looking back over all my voyages...) Chapter 6-9 p. 42-67
3. Spin of guinea (It's fascinating to look back down the years and seige upon what slight hazzards one's whole fate depends on...) Chapter 10-11 p. 73-91
4. Amphibious operations against the Spanish (Even after so many years, I can...) Chapter 12-14 p. 91-123
5. Going to aid of the Pluto Chapter 15-16 p. 124-142
6. Landing at Rosas Bay (Those were wonderful and exciting days...) Chapter 17-18 p. 142-163
7. Loss of the Sutherland Chapter 19-20 p. 163-188

Volume VII Flying Colours (Bantam, 1964, 184 pgs.)

1. A prisoner at Rosas (I am an old man now...) Chapter 1-7 p. 1-63
2. Meets Marie first time (It is easy looking back after all these years...) Chapter 8-13 p. 63-118
3. Captures Witch of Endor (I am old man but my blood still stirs...) Chapter 13-15 p. 118-145
4. Meets British Channel Fleet (It may seem absurd now that I should dread to return to England...) Chapter 15-17 p. 145-170
5. Court martial and then knighted (I sit at my ease now and look back...) Chapter 15-19 p. 145-184

Volume VIII WOT

Volume VIII Commodore Hornblower (Bantam, 1965, 247 pgs.)

1. Sailing between Danish and Swedish batteries on Nonesuch (When you have been many years at sea...) Chapter 1-4 p. 1-51
2. Encounters Blanche Fleur (Fact is they sent me to the Battle...) Chapter 7-9 p. 52-83
3. Captures Blanche Fleur (It is strange how hard life at sea can be...) Chapter 10-11 p. 84-110
4. Sorga's treachery (Sailing brazenly into a Russian port...) Chapter 12-13 p. 110-131
5. Blow up French barges (I can think of nothing more galling than the sense of inactivity...) Chapter 14-15 p. 132-159
6. Capture French Officer (In a long lagoon along the coast of Poland known as Frisches Huff...) Chapter 16-20 p. 159-189
7. Mound is killed at Riga (They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery...) Chapter 20 p. 189-202
8. Defends Riga trenches (Death was everywhere both outside Riga...) Chapter 21-22 p. 203-227
9. See Volume 1 eps. 1 (Flashback)
10. See Volume 1 eps. 2 (Flashback)
11. I think flashbacks continued through whole Mr. Midshipman Hornblower series.

Volume IX Lord Hornblower (Bantam, 1965, 250)

1. Asked to quell mutinous sailors.
2. Aboard Porta Coeli sister ship to Flame.
3. Captures the Flame (In my somewhat dull retirement...) Chapter 6-8 p. 56-76
4. Offered Le Harve (Sitting here in England playing the country squire...) Chapter 8-10 p. 77-108
5. Governor of Le Harve (Acting as governor of Le Harve...) Chapter 11-13 p. 108-142
6. Napoleon defeated (Even now in peaceful retirement...) Chapter 14-16 p. 143-172
7. Return of Napoleon and flight (From this distance of time...) Chapter 16-18 p. 173-212

8. Marie killed by French soldiers (Even now so long after...) Chapter 19-20  
p. 213-250

Volume X Admiral Hornblower in the West Indies

No episodes with Redgrave.